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A Quote from CNet on your proposal:

"Under a settlement proposal in a series of private antitrust lawsuits announced Tuesday, Microsoft agreed to donate approximately \$500 million to help bring technology to some of the nation's most disadvantaged schools. The deal will also allow these schools to obtain a virtually unlimited supply of Microsoft software for the next five years.

Those terms, say analysts, could hurt Apple and other software providers. Historically, education has been one of Apple's primary markets. And although the company has slipped to No. 2 in kindergarten through grade 12--behind Dell--it still has a larger installed base than anyone else.

Free software, though, is hard to pass up. Apple, as well as Linux companies and other educational software developers, could find themselves out in the cold in school districts flush with new Microsoft products. "

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Here's an idea. Make Microsoft buy \$500 million worth of Apple iMacs to put in those schools. This way the children xcan learn a great new Unix variant in the Mac OS X and the professors wont have to stop teaching to troubleshoot.

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"I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use." - Galileo Galilei